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ABC in big TV deal



Now, the Olympic Arrows

• Charlie Perkins

Greek-backed club Downer Olympic took over Canberra's Philips League team last week.

The team — Canberra Arrows — previously was run jointly by Downer Olympic and Canberra City Soccer Club.

Canberra City however, no longer can afford PSL involvement. It will continue to run its social club, which is being upgraded at a cost of \$150,000, and will field amateur, old boys' and women's teams.

The new Canberra Arrows board has a predominance of Downer Olympic representatives on it, but its president is Charlie Perkins who also remains president of Canberra City.

Chairman is Dave Dillon, another of Canberra City's leading lights, and vice-president is Angelo Stratmarcos, president of Downer Olympic.

Nick Sarri (Olympic) is treasurer, and the board members so far are Arthur Huggins, Con Kourpanidis, Con Leon and George Karris.

Two more board members are yet to be appointed. It was at Canberra City's instigation that control of the Arrows passed over to Downer Olympic, which now is solely responsible for funding the PSL operation.

Canberra City capitulated to the financial pressures and handed its 50% share in the Arrows to Olympic. Olympic, incidentally, continues to field a team in the ACT competition.

Charlie Perkins said the Arrows were determined to fare better in the PSL next season.

"We'll look at players' contracts at the end of the year, and we'll start sifting the wheat from the chaff. We definitely will not tolerate bludgers and we'll be expecting 100% effort from everyone on the field."

"We'll also concentrate on promoting local young players, and relying less on imports."

The PSL now includes five clubs controlled by the Greek community — South Melbourne Hellas, West Adelaide Hellas, Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg-Alexander, and Canberra Arrows. The Italian community boasts four clubs — Adelaide City Juventus, Brisbane City, Marconi-Datsun and APIA-Leichhardt, so these two groups account for more than half the league clubs between them.

Without them, where would soccer be?

— LAURIE SCHWAB

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Australian Broadcasting Commission has been asked by a delegation of high-ranking PSL officials to programme a one-hour weekly soccer show from next season.

The ABC is reported to be enthusiastic about the idea.

The show would be shown nationally on about 128 ABC stations.

A decision about the proposed show is expected to be made by the ABC in the next few weeks.

If it goes ahead, it will not only provide welcome exposure for the sport, but also improve the clubs' chances of gaining sponsorship.

For the past two years, soccer has been the major sport shown on Channel 0/28 in Melbourne and Sydney. The service this year has comprised a half-hour show on Monday night, a one-hour show on Friday night, a Saturday afternoon children's soccer programme, plus replays of matches overseas.

It is important for soccer that Channel 0/28's continued involvement is fostered, even if the ABC does decide to run soccer.



Jamie Paton (right) fires at goal during Heidelberg's 3-1 victory over Canberra in their Philips Cup semi-final last week. The Canberra players, from left, are: George Christopoulos, Mike Milovanovic and Terry Byrne.

How Jamie Paton, Les Scheinflug, Kevin D'Arcy and Charlie Jurisic were almost left behind in Zagreb

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Jamie Paton was fuming!

He hardly could believe his eyes. As he approached the bus waiting outside the Socceroos' hotel in Zagreb it suddenly pulled away



Jamie Paton

and took off for the international airport where Paton and the national team entourage were booked to catch a flight to Rome and start another stage in Austria's 1980 world tour.

"I'm stranded, thought Paton. Coach Rudi Gutendorf had watched him approach the bus, then ordered the driver to leave. Paton didn't believe it!

Back inside the hotel, Paton suddenly felt less lonely. Assistant Coach Les Scheinflug, tour leader Kevin D'Arcy and masseur Charlie Jurisic also had been left behind.

Herr Gutendorf was on the warpath once more.

Paton was told later that when Gutendorf saw the Heidelberg United striker walking toward the bus he said out loud, "He (Paton) does not run for ze bus. Ve go! Ve go!"

The unwanted quartet hired a taxi to rush them to the airport. They made it on time. Paton was seething. He wanted to tear Gutendorf apart.

He held himself back. After the party disembarked at Rome, Paton dragged Gutendorf aside and explained what had happened. Paton had been the first member of the party to get up for breakfast that final day in Zagreb. He checked the time and saw that the bus wasn't due to leave for quite a while. He helped masseur Jurisic load baggage into the boot of the bus. Still, there was plenty of time left. Paton went back to his hotel room and started writing a few postcards. When he went downstairs he wondered where everyone had gone. He looked outside and saw the bus with the other players already on board. As he approached the bus it pulled away.

Gutendorf wasn't appeased by Paton's tale. The enfant terrible of world soccer decided to send Paton home on the next flight out of Rome. That suited Paton fine. He wasn't happy. He had been told that he would play most of the game on tour alongside Heidelberg striking mate Gary Cole. The pair had had an amazing scoring run in club football during the domestic season which just had ended. Paton though found that he and Cole never were allowed to display

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The coaching farce continues

The coaching merry-go-round has been in full swing again this year.

Let's look closely at what's happened so far: Adelaide City: Bob D'Ottavi replaced by John Perin.

APIA: Willie Wallace quit, Peter Wilson takes over.

South Melbourne Hellas: Tommy Docherty appointed as "joint coach, whereupon John Margaritis quits."

Footscray J.U.S.T.: Milenko Rusic starts the season as coach, he's replaced by Peter Jakša who quits to be replaced by Jim Milne and Zdravko Jujic as joint player-coaches, then Rusic is re-appointed, but dropped again to make room for the return of Jakša, while the clubs continue to negotiate for a coach from Yugoslavia — Mujo Obranovic.

Sydney Olympic: Doug Collins sacked, Lubo Gokovic appointed until the end of the season, while negotiations continue with Tommy Docherty of Hellas.

And yet this is supposed to be a major soccer competition in the country! What a joke!

In Italy, everyone wanted to get rid of national coach Enzo Bearzot after the 1978 World Cup. Feeling angrier than he was even stronger before and during the early stages of the 1982 World Cup, but the Italian federation ignored all those demands for Bearzot's head. Bearzot justified the federation's faith in him, but it is the federation which must be congratulated for sticking to him.

Brazil made an unfortunate exit from the World Cup yet at the airport back home, the players were applauded and coach Tele Santana was congratulated for the team's wonderful performances. That is sport, and acceptance of defeat is sports realism.

Here, one or two defeats can cost the coach his head, yet if Doug Collins for example, is sacked, then shouldn't the committee also sack some of the players? They after all, play the game.

I admire the strength shown by president John Constantine in resigning over this and other issues. He has shown himself to be a man of dignity.

It is unfortunate that men like he are forced out of the game, while the incompetents remain.

I've been fascinated to read over recent weeks all the stories about whether or not we should start importing Brazilian coaches to cash in on the excitement Brazil created in the World Cup.

"Soccer Action" columnist Andrew Dettre made the most intelligent comments last week in the article headed "Sadly the Samba just isn't for us."

Dettre pointed out that it's quite unrealistic to try to import a style that doesn't suit.

I want to pursue the subject in a little more depth.

It's obvious that advocates of the "Import Brazilians" drive haven't analysed the

cultural, climatic, and personality implications. Relative standards of living, effects of industrialisation, and urban conditions also must be taken into account when we talk of trying to emulate a style of play foreign to us.

In many countries, for example, urban conditions minimise the development of natural talent. Twenty or thirty years ago, when there was less urban development, you could pick up natural footballers from paddocks the way you pick cherries from a tree. Not so now, especially in Australia.

In Brazil however, such natural talent still is available.

Many other countries, however, are stuck. Their supply of good footballers is being reduced to a trickle and they haven't compensated by taking a more scientific approach to the sport's development.

The West Germans have shown the way it should be done. They have developed a "German cocktail" to suit the German temperament — incorporating the arrogance, physical attributes and discipline inherent in the German character. But the style has been developed only over the past 30 years, and it has been developed quite deliberately. It certainly differs vastly from the rough, tough approach the Germans had in the early fifties.

Holland was a nation of water polo and chess but through discipline and organisation, the Dutch have become one of the highest coaching standards in the world. While our soccer people complain so often about the fact that our population of only 14 million limits our development, Holland has shown that it doesn't

really matter how big or small a country is. But getting back to the coaches. Let's analyse which environment suits the various different types.

Firstly, you'd have a hell of a job trying to find successful Brazilian or Argentinian coaches in Europe, especially in British-orientated countries. Such coaches are successful instead in surroundings familiar to them or suitable to their temperament.

Evaristo is doing well in Qatar, Carlos Alberto is in Kuwait where he has succeeded Zagalo, Rivelino's in Saudi Arabia and Didi in Peru.

While such coaches find it foreign to them to operate in Anglo-Saxon surroundings, it also works vice-versa.

Don Revie went to the United Arab Emirates in a blaze of publicity with millions of pounds in his pocket. But let's face it, what have we heard about him since then?

Dettmar Cramer of West Germany similarly could not gain success during his stint in Saudi Arabia. Perhaps the strict, rather clinical approach of the German did not suit the flamboyant, emotional Arabs.

But the temperament of Yugoslav coaches on the other hand, is quite amenable to not only the Arabian character, but also to Latins and to Africans. Therefore, we've seen Yugoslavs coaching successfully in Algeria, Zaïre and Cameroon.

As for players, where do South Americans go when they decide to try their luck abroad? Apart from Ardiles and Villa, most go Spain or Italy. Why? Because both are countries of Latin character.

And he plays goalie too

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their wares at national team level. Okay, he thought, you want to send me back to Australia right now, then go ahead, see if I care.

Tony Henderson and Murray Barnes told Gutendorf that if he sent Paton back to Australia, he'd have to send the whole team back.

"We decided to get up a petition among ourselves to give Sir Arthur George asking for Gutendorf's sacking," said Paton.

"But it never really got off the ground. A few of the younger players didn't want to put their international careers on the line and Rudi was able to continue his reign of terror."

"Look, all that man did was give Australian soccer plenty of headaches. He was an embarrassment. He put people into situations from which they couldn't escape."

"He came here, he sold himself to the right people, he made a lot of money then he pissed off."

Paton's career has been highlighted by his four appearances for Australia in a time and climate when establishing yourself as a national team regular was as common as a smile on Malcolm Fraser's face.

Paton makes no bones about his ideas on how soccer should be played. Heidelberg coach Len McKendry's methods are right. It's as simple as that. McKendry's way is the only way.

"Heidelberg plays a passing game. We play to feet and we support. When we lose possession we pressure the opposition until we get the ball back," said Paton.

"I was over in Scotland last Christmas and when I went to a few games and saw the sort of rubbish that was being dished up I knew why attendances have fallen so badly there recently."

"Heidelberg would give some of Scotland's Premier League sides a hell of a time. We could beat some of them, I'm sure."

"That's Paton at his blunt best. And he means it too. He's not being big headed, he's just telling you straight what he thinks."

He's not tall and he's not the best header of a ball. That's probably why he never made it as a centre forward in his native Scotland but he also played in midfield and the right wing. It was in these positions that he attracted the attention of Glasgow Celtic, Rangers Partick Thistle and English giant Aston Villa.

Nothing big eventuated though so Paton arrived in Australia in 1978 to play for Slavia which was in Victoria's State League then.

Paton was born in Glasgow in 1955. In that soccer crazy city you don't take long to make up your mind which side of the fence you're on — Rangers' side or Celtic's.

"I could have gone to Celtic youths dozens of times but I was only a young kid and a mad Rangers supporter. There was no way anyone was going to get a green and white stripe on my back," said Paton.

His school soccer days were spent at London Road Primary and Riverside Senior Secondary. He played with the Boys' Brigade next, then joined Queens Park youths.

Some of the greatest tradition in Scottish soccer belong

to the Scottish or English Leagues.

Queens Park completely dominated the formative years of Scottish soccer. Founded on July 9, 1867, it is Scotland's oldest serving senior league club and before the turn of the century it had won the Scottish Cup a staggering 10 times.

Queens Park started its amazing cup success with a hat-trick of wins in 1874, 75 and 76. It repeated the feat in 1880, 81 and 82 and won again in 1884, 86 and 93. That last win, in 1893 was to be Queens Park's last major trophy.

Queens Park is the only Scottish club to have played in an English F.A. Cup final. Twice in fact, in 1884 and 1885. On both occasions it met Blackburn Rovers and lost, the only time the same two clubs have contested successive English F.A. Cup finals.

Perhaps the greatest moment in this proud club's history came in 1872 when the first ever international between Scotland and England was held. All 11 Scotland players that afternoon came from Queens Park.

The Hampden Park based club didn't concede a goal in the first seven years of competition! And another two years passed before it eventually lost a match.

But after losing to Celtic in the 1900 Scottish Cup Final Queens Park gradually took on a less dominant role in Scottish soccer. Its three claims to fame since have been Second Division championships.

When Paton joined, Queens Park was struggling near the foot of Second Division.



Jamie Paton, playing for Victoria, gets an elbow in the face from Velimir Zajec of Dinamo Zagreb.

Tommy Duncan was coach. Queens Park didn't have a manager. Not part of the club's tradition!

Duncan was nicknamed "The Lamp." He had only one eye. He was replaced by former Partick Thistle player and manager David McParland who had had a dispute with the Thistle directors over the choice of his assistant coach.

McParland soon set about revamping Queens Park. He got rid of many older players and wanted to concentrate on youth. The young Paton was the only player in the third team to be retained. Paton's rise to senior player status was rapid.

"I went into the second team, played about three games, then went into the first team."

"I remember playing a full game in the third team, then playing the second half against Clyde in the reserves on the same day."

right winger in those days. McParland planned to use me in midfield in the first team but at first I played wide and deep on the right, hugging the line most of the time.

"In one of my three first team seasons I played in every position except centre half and goalkeeper. But if anything happened to our keeper I was the stand-by."

"I was carrying on in goal at the start of a training session, pulling off these acrobatic saves and McParland saw me, so he told me that if anything ever happened to the regular keeper I was to take his place."

With the recently introduced one-substitute rule in the PSL, Heidelberg coach Len McKendry probably is the luckiest coach in the league having someone like Paton in his side.

McParland left after three years to take over as manager of Celtic and current Brisbane Lions coach Joe Gilroy took over.

Queens Park's amateur status meant that none of its players was registered with the Scottish F.A. The players received only travelling expenses and always were open to offers from professional clubs.

During McParland's term at Queens Park, Paton attracted the attention of some big clubs.

Partick Thistle approached him and McParland heard of the move. He called Paton into his office the night after Thistle's approach. He told Paton that Thistle wasn't good enough for him and that he should stay with Queens till the end of the season, then McParland would see that a big club signed him.

"At the end of the season nothing happened," said Paton.

"The following season I heard that Celtic were interested in me. The woman who lives across the road from us in Glasgow worked in the office at Parkhead, Celtic's home ground. She told me that Celtic boss Jock Stein had been to watch my last two games."

Nothing came of it though. Then Rangers started to take an interest.

"I had a blinder for Queens in a Glasgow Cup game against Rangers and they approached Queens the next day, wanting to sign me. I was still a teenager and McParland called me into his office. He asked me if I really wanted to play for Queens. I said yes. So he picked up the phone, rang Rangers and told them, 'forget it, I wouldn't move.'"

When McParland went to Celtic as manager, Paton thought that his former coach might sign him. Queens played Celtic on Boxing Day. Before the game a scout from Aston Villa told Paton that Celtic would approach him after the game but he wasn't to agree immediately to sign. He should hold out for a week. Villa really was keen.

In the first minute of that game Celtic's Paul Wilson and Paton tackled hard. Wilson fell heavily on top of Paton's knee. Paton had to be replaced at half time. His chance of going to Celtic Villa was blown.

Disillusioned about soccer in Scotland, Paton listened eagerly to former Slavia and Frankston City defender Frank Thomson who was in Glasgow on holiday. Thomson

ian scene and Paton decided to sign for Slavia.

"I didn't even know the PSL existed when I came here in 1978," said Paton.

"The standard of State League then wasn't far behind what I had been used to but having to take your boots and other gear to training and matches was novel. Back home I just used to get on my club blazer and tie and turn up for the game."

"It was at Slavia that I met Len McKendry and undoubtedly he's been the major influence on me as a player."

"He took a few sessions at Slavia in his capacity as Victorian Director of Coaching and he suggested to our coach, Harry Chalkitis, that I be switched from playing wide on the right into the central striking position as a target man. That's when I started to score a few goals."

Paton scored 17 league goals that season and was the leading scorer in State League. At Slavia, he became a close friend of team mate John Yzendorp.

It was on McKendry's recommendation to then Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos that Paton and Yzendorp moved to Heidelberg early in 1979 for \$22,000. Slavia received another \$2,000 after the duo played for Australia.

Paton found that the pace of PSL was faster than State League but he discovered that he was given much more time on the ball.

John Margaritis was coach. It was he who when Paton joined. They clashed at their very first training session.

"John wanted me to play wide and I disagreed, so I sat on the bench for a few weeks."

"During that time John Margaritis left and Manny Poulakakis took over. Manny kept me on the bench, saying that I was to be his secret weapon. His play was for Andy Bozikas, Gary Cole and Branko Buljevic to tire out the opposition in the first half. The Manny told me that he would bring me on in the second half to finish them off."

"As a man, Manny was a great gentleman. I never rated him as a coach though."

"Manny was there until the start of 1980. He resigned or was sacked. I don't know which but Len eventually took over."

"What we did in that year was incredible. We were runner-up in the Phillips Cup, Ampol Cup and the PSL and we won the grand final."

"Not re-employing the coach was crazy. Len and the committee couldn't come to terms so Len left. Manny returned for a short spell at the start of 1981."

Paton got into hot water during pre-season training in 1981. Poulakakis was on holiday and Ollie Norris was in charge. Norris and Paton didn't see eye-to-eye.

"Training with Ollie Norris was a farce. We were doing these exercises which in my opinion had nothing to do with playing soccer."

Slowly he's returning to his best. Who knows, there may be a goal or two in store for the little Scot in the Phillips Cup final.

It would be a major achievement to play in a winning Cup final. But the bitterness over his brief flirtation with



Jamie Paton and Gary Cole hold up Heidelberg's trophy after the 1980 grand final win against Sydney City. From left, standing: McKendry (coach), McMillan, Taylor, P. Bannan, Selemidis, Oliver, Williams, Provan, Enion (massour). Front: Bozikas, Campbell, Yzendorp, Paton, Cole, Rooney, Meletis, Tansley.



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John Constantine Tommy Docherty

Constantine and Collins go, bye bye Doc?

John Constantine has resigned, Doug Collins has been sacked, Lubo Gokovic is temporarily Olympic's coach, and South Melbourne Hellas wants money from Olympic to part with Tommy Docherty.

Hellas president Sam Papasavas said before leaving for a holiday in Greece, that if Docherty joins Olympic next year, Olympic would have to buy out his contract, just as Preston North End bought out Docherty's contract with Olympic last year.

Papasavas did not say how much his club would seek. Neither did he confirm or deny that Docherty would join Olympic next year.

Docherty, however, was in Sydney to talk with Constantine last week, about the same time that Constantine resigned from the Olympic presidency.

Constantine had asked Collins to see out the remaining four weeks of the season, despite Collins' anger over the Docherty rumors. Collins had agreed, even though he previously had threatened to quit.

Olympic's board however, decided on Monday of last week to ask Collins to step down.

"That was the last of several issues which caused me to resign," Constantine said.

"There are several other matters but I don't want to elaborate on them. Quite simply, other people have different ideas about how to run a club."

Asked whether the problems had to do with the form of the team, Constantine said: "No, I've had running battles with board members for months, even when we were on top of the ladder, and still in the top four."

He said the arguments were over matters of administration and finance.

"I see the club now being at the crossroads. Either it implements modern administration or reverts back to what it has been."

Constantine's vice-president Dr. John Parisitis also resigned. He was asked by the board to take over from Constantine, but he declined, saying that he held the same views as Constantine.

Welcome to our nightmare

Dear John Royce!
Welcome to the world of Australian soccer in the eighties.

You may have found the Press conference at Sydney's Hakoah Club a slightly traumatic experience, confronted as you were by a horde of thirsty, hungry and decidedly cynical journalists.

If we acted as if we have all heard it before, the PR hype, the rosy future, the millions and the hundreds of thousands banded about, the incredible numbers of juniors playing the game — well, we have.

I, for one, welcomed the establishment of the late, unlamented ASF Marketing Company, hoping for the dawning of an era of professionalism in the promotion, marketing and administration of soccer.

Even I had to face up to that venture's miserable failure after some time had elapsed. Now I once again welcome the advent of professionals into the marketing and promotion of the sport we all love.

Consolidated Royce, your company, represents a new start, at least for the Phillips League.

So, may I offer a few comments, which could prove to be of help in your quest for the sponsorship dollars and media exposure.

• Make sure your company does not fall into the trap which ensnared ASF Marketing. Do not tailor your advice to the soccer people to fit in with their pet perceptions. Be professional, even if your advice is not comfortable for the PSL big-wigs to listen to.

• Be businesslike. Indulge in a bit of market research, examine what is on offer in the sports entertainment market, do not chase rainbows and imaginary herds of "closet soccer fans". Most important, try to reverse the trend of alienation which has permeated the captive market of millions of ethnic Australians.

They are a growing segment of our population and the lifeblood of the sport in Australia. Ethnic seek to be catered to — not used and then discarded as an embarrassment!

• Do educate the league's members on the proper role of the media. We are not paid to be the public relations agents of individuals or clubs; you

are. Explain that the media's role is to report the news and comment on it.

• Let's try to create an atmosphere on which the media is recognised as an equal partner in the affairs of soccer, rather than a worrisome intrusion into sporting politics.

• Eliminate the belief prevalent in some circles that only the daily Press, with its fairly miserable proportion of space devoted to soccer, matters.

Members of the specialist soccer and ethnic media are not second class citizens, but often are treated as such when it comes to finding out about Press functions, or the allocation of seats at games. No wonder they — WE! — get cynical.

If these points are taken note of and an educational process gets under way, then the media can become full partners in the promotion of soccer as a major sport.

We will do our bit if we receive respect, co-operation and see that the actions of the National Soccer League management and Consolidated Royce are geared to reality and not aiming at pies in the sky.

Only their admirable patience, good breeding and the availability of free booze stopped most journalists from walking out in the middle of "An Urgent Press Conference" last week in Sydney. It was, to put it extremely mildly, the most gauche event of the season.

There, in the swank Hakoah Club, stood John Royce of Consolidated Royce, a large figure of a man in dark blue business suit reminiscent of the late 1940s, singing the praises of soccer to soccer officials and soccer writers — a sort of Franciscan novice approving the structure of the Vatican.

In the best traditions of that vulgar TV car commercial ("Let me do it right for you...") John Royce was reciting soccer's virtues, quoting mystical "market values" and making veiled hints (later unsubstantiated) at some rugby league clubs showing interest in joining the PSL.

As what? As rugby league teams? As umbrella organisations? Or as newcomers making the Sydney quota eight instead of five? A colleague wanted details; Royce looked at Tony Labozzetta and Paul

Kemp for help but both cast their eyes down, examining the creases in their napkins.

"We will show to our new sponsor that soccer's market value is close to \$1 million," said the new apostle. "We are looking for funding of at least \$375,000. We need your help and co-operation..."

Then we heard about "exciting plans" which include an increased league size, the establishment of second division, the extension of the Youth League to a national competition, indoor soccer, new TV deals and other delectable items. Mercifully, no details were mentioned, as probably none exist.

Royce of Consolidated Royce also told the meeting that his organisation — a Melbourne PR firm — "has been working on the project day and night for three weeks." Three whole weeks, fancy that! There, in the room, sat or stood, in awed silence, some 30 men many of whom have spent half a lifetime in soccer, and now forced — toujours la politesse — to listen in anguished silence to all that innocent (?) doublepeak.

Have you any background in the game, somebody asked. "You don't need knowledge of soccer to market it," said Consolidated Royce. O'course not; we have heard that, too, before. If the worst comes to worst, we'll elect him ASF president.

On the wall hung a thing, covered with drapery. "Please could somebody take it off," Royce asked and somebody did, as if unveiling a long-lost Cezanne painting. The thing revealed itself. A neatly prepared tableau with the heading "Unique Sponsorship Opportunity".

The old PSL logo has been modified, with the Phillips name pointed out. Then the spiel, appealing to major companies to please come forward, take advantage of this unique opportunity of getting about a million bucks' worth of exposure for a mere \$400,000 p.a.

Later the very same appeared in ads causing, no doubt, havoc with the stock exchanges.

Less than a year ago we went through a similar, though much more professionally-staged seance when ASF Marketing presented its research findings and recommendations in two volumes.

Whatever happened to ASFM, the volumes, the recommendations? Has anybody even read them apart from the Press in that Boule-

Simultaneous Press conferences were called last week at the Hakoah club in Sydney and Olympic Park in Melbourne to launch a drive by Consolidated Royce Public Relations Pty. Ltd. to find a new sponsor for the national soccer league. "Soccer action" had ANDREW DETTRE and PETER SCOTT in Sydney and LAURIE SCHWAB in Melbourne, covering the event

Like a vulgar TV car commercial



Andrew Dettre



Mal Harrop (standing) of Consolidated Royce and PSL chairman Sam Papasavas at the Melbourne press conference.

Desperation!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

It was all very businesslike, Mal Harrop sounded authoritative and Sam Papasavas put on a brave face, but instead of being knocked out by this so-called "aggressive sponsorship campaign," I for one sensed more than a hint of desperation about it all.

Consolidated Royce Public Relations Pty Ltd, of which Harrop is an executive, has been engaged by the PSL to find a new sponsor.

It is only a matter of weeks before the six-year relationship between the league and Phillips Industries is due to cease.

And so the money has to come from somewhere else — at least \$375,000 a year on current costs.

Finding that money is the task of Consolidated Royce.

The league has tried many avenues, all of which proved to be dead ends.

Without a sponsor, affiliation fees for PSL clubs will rise next season — perhaps to about \$30,000 each. In addition, they may have to pay an extra amount towards air fares.

Regionalisation of the league was named as one of the league's "forward plans under consideration," in a Press release associated with the launching of the sponsorship drive.

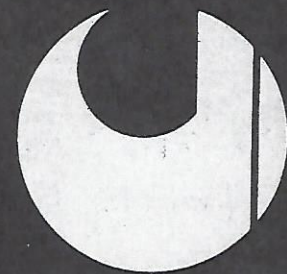
The forces favoring regionalisation remain strong, but league chairman Papasavas was adamant it would not happen next season, even if the league doesn't get a sponsor.

It was all part of his brave face, for Papasavas realises better than anyone the financial advantages of regionalisation. If, indeed, no sponsor is found, even he may come out in support of league restructuring.

Harrop, however, believes there is a "60-40" chance of signing up a new sponsor in time for the league's presentation night in Sydney on September 7.

The league's total budget for 1983 is just over \$800,000 and any new sponsor would be asked to contribute at least half.

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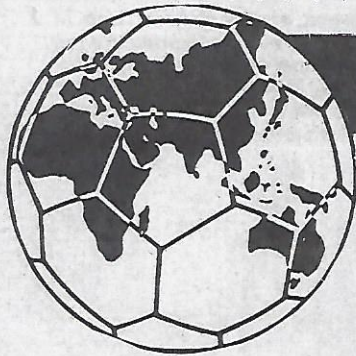
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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

How Maradona was bought

Maradona was sold in American dollars to beat Argentina's astronomical inflation. The total transfer fee values him at nearly six times the price of gold - about \$300,000 an ounce against \$400. He weighs 11st. 6lb.

• Argentinos Juniors, his first club, get \$6 million. Boca Juniors, who took him on loan, gets \$2m.

Maradona received \$3m for signing on and lawyers' fees on the contract were another \$250,000.

Barcelona, still wrangling with the Spanish Government over the release of foreign currency, should pay the first instalment of \$2m this weekend.

The rest is in four annual instalments and an agreement to play some friendlies free in Buenos Aires next year.

Adshedd till 1984

John Adshedd ended months of speculation when signing a contract with the New Zealand federation, which will enable him to continue as national team coach at least until September, 1984.

The document includes provision for a two years extension, therefore he will probably be on the scene for the next World Cup campaign.

—PAUL MOON

"Whose gonna be second?" might be the cry from Liverpool as they defend their title and try to win it for the 14th time. They have a backbone of English and Scottish World Cup players plus the free-scoring Welshman, Ian Rush, and the brilliant young Irishman, Ronnie Whelan.

Now they have acquired two outstanding young Scots: fullback Steve Nicol who cost \$600,000 from Ayr United, and central defender John McGregor from Queens Park - both Scotland Under 21 players.

In addition, Craig Johnston who battled his way into a regular first team place late last season, obviously will go flat out to consolidate his position.

But strong as Liverpool is and with such an impressive record behind them, they may find that Manchester United and Arsenal will be breathing down their necks all the way to the finish.

United, who put in a powerful finishing burst last season to finish in third place, secured talented Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren from Ipswich to give that department (Bryan Robson, Lou Macari, Mike Duxbury and Ray Wilkins) some real competition for places.

Up front there's a problem with Ron Atkinson's lot.

Gary Birtles, the \$2 million buy from Notts Forest, never really has hit it off and could yet return to Brian Clough's side, while Frank Stapleton, the Arsenal

striker and Republic of Ireland international who cost a near million, surely must improve on his scoring rate of last season.

Arsenal have gone a long way towards making good the loss of Stapleton and his Republic of Ireland colleague Liam Brady who went to Juventus and more recently joined Sampdoria, by their acquisition of Yugoslav World Cup skipper Vladimir Petrovic and England World Cup striker Tony Woodcock whom they brought back from Cologne.

In addition, Terry Neill's Gunners have more than a few outstanding young players whom they have carefully nursed into the first team over the past couple of years.

Ipswich Town, despite the loss of manager Bobby Robson to England, aren't out of the reckoning although the loss of Arnold Muhren is a big blow.

New manager Bobby Ferguson will have to tighten up a loose defence but in the scoring stakes, he is well-equipped, with Paul Mariner and that deadly Scottish double John Wark and Alan Brazil.

F.A. Cup holders Tottenham Hotspur too are in with a chance, despite the fact their star Argentinian Osvaldo Ardiles has been loaned to Paris St Germain for a year while his countryman Ricky Villa is having problems with a re-entry visa.

But the White Hart Lane side are alive with talented players like Ray Clemence, Glen Hoddle, Garth Crooks, Steve Perryman and Steve Archibald etc.

Others with only an outside chance are Everton who will be spearheaded in attack by that brilliant young Scot Graham Sharp, West Ham United who have a well-balanced side, Southampton with their oldies, John Toshack's Swansea City, European Cup holders Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest whose skipper all through their European and English successes, John McGovern, has joined Bolton Wanderers as player-manager.

The other 11 sides, including Manchester City who have just sold Trevor Francis to Sampdoria, I virtually write-off as only there to make up the numbers.

The second division will be pepped up by the relegation of Leeds United, Middlesbrough and the revived Wolves. But of course they lost Luton town, Watford and Norwich City who all jumped into the First Division.

Of the three that have come down I rate Leeds with the best prospect of getting back up again at the end of the season. But it won't be easy for new manager Eddie Gray.

Jack Charlton's Sheffield Wednesday, Terry Venables' Queens Park Rangers and Emyr Hughes' Rotherham United look the most likely teams to be fighting it out for promotion at the finish.

In the third division Lincoln City, Oxford United and perhaps Chesterfield with the relegated Cardiff may battle it out while in the basement fourth division my money would be on a Wimbledon return to the third division together with Peterborough United and Port Vale.

Here is a brief summing up of club prospects for the new Scottish season.

PREMIER LEAGUE: The five real challengers for the title, Scottish Cup and League Cup are the four who have qualified for Europe - Celtic, Aberdeen, Dundee United and Rangers plus St Mirren. The remaining quintet of clubs - Hibernian, Dundee and Morton plus promoted pair Motherwell and Kilmarnock can

British season 1982-83:

LIVERPOOL AND CELTIC ARE THE BEST BETS

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent



only be rated as having only an outside chance of winning anything.

Celtic, Premier League champion, must once again be one of the top bets with probably the best young talent in Britain in players like Willie McCauley, Charlie Nicholas, Jim McNally, Danny Crainie, David Moys, Mark Reid etc while the other part of the Old Firm, Rangers, League Cup holder who had a poor season last year, has been considerably strengthened with big money buys.

Aberdeen, with three World

Cup players Gordon Strachan, Willie Millar and Alex McLeish, also has some talented youngsters while Dundee United, which made an imprint in the UEFA Cup last season, has top players like David Narey, Paul Sturrock, Ralph Milne and Paul Hegarty despite huge offers to sell this impressive quartet. St Mirren, which just has failed to break into Europe in the past few years, has aces in Frank McAvennie, Billy Fulton and Billy Thomson with a wealth of experience spread throughout a well balanced side.

Sex only two days a week

Footballers with Spanish club Granada have been ordered by their boss to have sex with their wives or girlfriends only on Mondays and Tuesdays so that they are in peak condition for the weekend matches.

The Italian Football Federation have denied reports that the World Cup trophy had been damaged during celebrations of their final win over West Germany.

Like many Argentinians wanting to re-enter Britain, Spurs star Ricky Villa is having problems getting a re-entry visa. Unless the Home Office comes to the party quickly it's unlikely he will trot out with the F.A. Cup-holders at the start of the new season.

Reading have all but wiped out their \$215,000 overdraft with the \$170,000 sale to Portsmouth of 18-year-old Neil Webb and a further \$25,000 from Blackpool for Steve Hetkze.

English clubs made their usual pre-season invasion of the Rest of the World. At least 20 teams made tours or played single games in 20 countries ranging from Malaysia to Madeira from Vancouver to Florida and from Iceland to Egypt.

Malcolm MacDonald ("Supermac") who once guested for South Melbourne Hellas and has taken Fulham back into the second division, has been given a setback to his plans, with a transfer request from his Republic of Ireland international goalkeeper Gerry Peyton.

Gordon Strachan, the Aberdeen and Scotland midfielder wants to cash in on his World Cup success and join one of the big clubs in England or the Continent. But Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson is adamant Strachan sees out the two years of his present contract with the oil boom town. Ferguson says that Strachan can go - but only for a transfer fee of \$4 million.

European Cup holders Aston Villa are not overburdened with top-class first-team replacements but with a \$2 million overdraft, the directors decided they wouldn't buy until that was cleared. They could be very soon, for Villa are expected to gross \$1.6 million in season ticket sales and with another \$320,000 recently received for unwanted players Terry Bullivant and Gary Shelton, look out for a big new signing soon.

Leicester City's successor to Jack Wallace, now with Motherwell, is 45 years old Gordon Milne, former team manager of Coventry City and general manager for the past two years with Jimmy Hill's club. Gordon, who played with Liverpool, had several caps for England although nearly a Scot as his father who played with Middlesbrough played for Scotland in 1939.

Many of the English League clubs in financial distress might do worse than examine the economics and workings of little East Anglian club Gorleston who at their recent AGM announced they have assets worth \$380,000.

New manager of West Bromwich Albion is former Celtic striker 2 Ron Wylie who until recently had been bossing top Hong Kong side

Of the also-rans, Motherwell will need more than new manager Jack Wallace to make it a successful side and despite the fact that it isn't short of a quid or two, promoted colleagues Kilmarnock will find it even more difficult as it finds a few top players from time to time but doesn't manage to keep them. Same goes for Morton which sold Neil Orr to West Ham, Bobby Thomson to Middlesbrough and Tim Tolmie to Lokoren (Belgium) last year for around \$1,200,000 to keep solvent.

Dundee, for many years the top side in the city but having to play second fiddle to Dundee United for the past decade, has made the mistake a couple of times of being relegated and coming quickly back thinking the situation was good enough for Premier League and found out it was wrong. But it does have several outstanding players like Bobby Geddes, Bobby Glennie and Ray Stephen who are fancied in many quarters in both Scotland and England. That leaves Hibernian of the also-rans and probably the best of that lot to make some real impression.

FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS: I expect Partick Thistle to make it back to the Premier League in one season along with Hearts which narrowly missed out last May although both could have strong opposition from St Johnstone, Airdrie and Ayr United.

Nothing much to stir the imagination in Second Division with perhaps Arbroath and Berwick Rangers being the best bets for promotion.

Bulova. Wylie is on less salary with WBA than he got with Bulova.

Preston North End have only one Scot in their team, Dundee-born striker Alex Bruce, but that maintains their 100 year-old history of never having been without a Scottish player. In 1938 when they won the F.A. Cup, Preston had no less than nine Tartan Army players.

Hibernian have used up the bulk of the \$900,000 they got from Rangers for central defender Craig Paterson by buying striker Bobby Thomson from Middlesbrough and midfielder Peter Welsh from Leicester City. Both are Scots.

Derek Dougan, former Wolves star who led a consortium of Manchester businessmen headed by Doug Topps to buy the club's \$4 million assets from the receiver only three minutes before the Football League's deadline, is their new chairman and top executive. And no-one is more fitted to lift the club out of the doldrums and back into the first division than he.

Derek Dougan has all the qualities and experience to lead this once famous club. Fully 18 years a professional player with Blackburn Rovers, Aston Villa and Leicester City, he spent the bulk of his career at Molineux and gained international recognition for Northern Ireland 46 times. He was chairman of the Professional Footballers Association for several years but after he quit the playing scene he was scorned by Wolves' board of directors as he tried to join them.

Although still in business Wolves still have critical financial problems and presently there are no real indications whether they will be able to keep their main playing asset, Scottish international striker Andy Gray who cost them \$3 million from Aston Villa over three years ago. What looks more certain is that manager Ian Greaves may go and be replaced by a Derek Dougan selection.

Newly promoted to the first division, Luton Town have been branded a bunch of "menies" after offering their longest serving player, Bedford-born Pasquale (Lil) Fuccillo only the minimum one-year contract, endangering his prospects of a testimonial.

Trevor Francis, the Manchester City and England World Cup striker transferred to promoted Italian club Sampdoria for \$1.7 million, will receive an annual salary of \$169,000 plus bonuses and perks. Francis became Britain's first one million pound player when he moved from Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest in February 1979. He moved again for the same fee 18 months ago from Brian Clough's team to Manchester City.

Southampton's Laurie McMenemy has great faith in his "oldies" and last season over half his side, including Kevin Keegan, Alan Ball and Mick Channon were over 30. Now the genial Georgie who has made the Saints a real force, has picked up Chelsea free 32-year-old full back Denis Rolfe who has also played with Orient and Leicester City.

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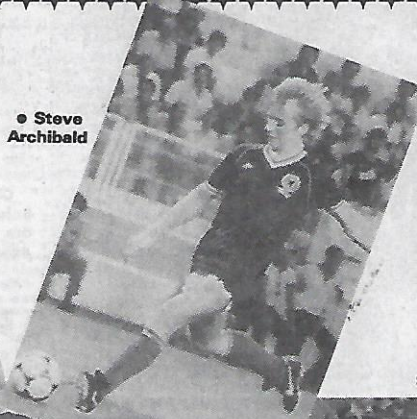
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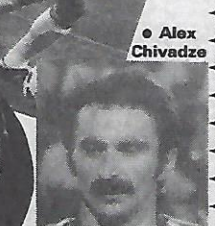
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Breitner: remote, moody, arrogant

Paul Breitner, the rebel who split with the West German national team "forever", was back at the heart of the side which lost the final against Italy in the World Cup.

Breitner turned the clock back in the heart-stopping semi-final against France in Seville when he calmly, almost casually, chipped home in the penalty shoot-out to help see the West Germans into the final.

It evoked memories of the 1974 final in Munich when, as a junior member of a star-studded West German team, he had the nerve to take the penalty which enabled his side to draw level against the Netherlands on its way to a 2-1 victory.

Eight years on, Breitner has changed from an adventurous overlapping left back into a forceful midfield general, driving himself and his team-mates tirelessly onward.

The one reminder of his left-back days is the number three on his World Cup shirt, the number he superstitiously hoped would be lucky again and make him the first non-Brazilian in two victorious World Cup final teams since the war.

The German campaign was fraught with setbacks and controversy, and Breitner was branded in a Spanish newspaper as "the real Attila (of) the barbaric Germans" for the way he registered his team's annoyance for the two-hour delay in its night-flight back from Seville to Madrid.

Breitner, uncompromising on and off the pitch, was the target of much criticism heaped on the West Germans as they lumbered through the opening round.

But the 30-year-old Bavarian came into his own in the heightened tension of the second round, playing a major part in engineering the 2-1 win over Spain which was to prove decisive for the progress to the semi-finals.

Yet not long ago, Breitner's presence in the side would have been quite unthinkable. When the West Germans were floundering in Argentina in their disastrous bid to retain the trophy he was still at loggerheads with the national soccer federation hierarchy.

The animosity was mutual. Breitner's rebel image, from his reading of Mao to his hirsute appearance, encouraged detractors in their view that he was a trouble-making upstart.

Breitner's "never again" lasted nearly six years, until April last year when he returned to the West German side for its 2-0 World Cup qualifying group victory over Austria.

Manager Jupp Derwall, who has crossed with Breitner when he was assistant to Helmut Schoen, had been reconciled with the Bayern Munich star, a union as ideologically improbable as one between the White House and the Kremlin.

The wheel had turned full circle. Breitner had returned to the Bundesliga with Eintracht Braunschweig in 1977 after his stint in Spain with Real Madrid which enabled him to escape the constrictions of football at home.

A year later he returned to Bayern Munich, a club he had bitterly criticised after he left it the first time, and finally he played again for West Germany.

Bayern team-mate Karl-Heinz Rummenigge signalled Breitner's international return when he said, in backing it during the "mini World Cup" in Montevideo 18 months ago: "What we need is a central personality."

Scotland, USSR —unlucky!

Scotland and the USSR entered the World Cup with high expectations but made their exit after losing only one game each. So too did Italy but Italy won the Cup.

Soccer Action photographer LES SHORROCK was in Spain to capture in picture all of the World Cup action.

Here we offer Shorrock's view of the stars of Scotland and the USSR.



Paul Breitner (centre) and Karl-Heinz Foerster (No. 4) combine to bring down Italy's Gabriele Oriali during the World Cup in Spain.

Breitner remains a complicated and perplexing personality. Outspoken and single-minded, he can appear remote, moody, self-absorbed and arrogant. But his concern goes further beyond football than many other soccer players, and his eventual aim is to run a home for handicapped children.

On the pitch he deserves admiration for his determination, fighting spirit and ability to direct and lift his side when the going is rough. He made his 48th appearance for West Germany in the final but could have passed his century during the World Cup but for the long hiatus.

He and Rummenigge have lifted Bayern back to its winning ways of the 1970s when Breitner shared success with Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Mueller and Sepp Maier. Soccer has also made him a big money-spinner off the pitch, and he earned a reported \$62,450 for shaving off his beard to advertise an after-shave lotion.



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Alan McLaughlin and Andrew Burgess are our Buffalo Sports Junior Clubmen of the Week.

Alan plays for Bundoora under-14's and is in his sixth season with the club. He has been a model of consistency and inspiration in either defence or midfield. His leadership qualities have earned him the role of team captain.

Alan plays tennis and cricket in the summer months and his main hobby is photography.

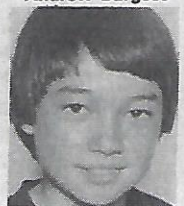
Andrew recently turned 15 and plays for Ballarat's under-16 side. He started with the club when he was only 6 years old and has played over 200 games.

He plays either left wing or central striker and is a two footed player.

Alan will collect his award, a magnificent Buffalo Sports bag, from Kelvin Templeton Sports, Greenborough and Andrew will pick up his Buffalo Sports bag from Merril Hassett Sports in Ballarat.



Andrew Burgess



Alan McLaughlin

98 goal Paul

Paul Doggett (pictured, below) is one of the young stars of Croydon City.

He joined the club when he was five years old and is in his seventh season.

Paul captains Croydon's under-11A side and in the past two and a half seasons has scored 98 goals!

He plays either centre forward or midfield and already has notched five hat-tricks this season.



Clayton Technical School. Back row, left to right: H. Sase (assistant coach), N. Verna, A. Hrysianidis, M. Kandilas, D. Amoret, F. Robles, C. Morales, R. Saweck (coach). Front row: S. Katsaras, T. Medina (captain), R. Matteo, M. Saladrigas, J. Rodriguez, Z. Brankovic. Missing: M. Martino, O. Arkan.

THREE TITLES IN SIX YEARS FOR CLAYTON TECH

Clayton Tech is the Victorian Technical School champion of the metropolitan area for the third time in six years after downing Essendon Tech 3-1 in the final.

Roman Saweck and Henryk Sase are the coaching brains behind Clayton Tech's success but a nail biting penalty showdown against St Albans in a semi-final almost ended Clayton's chances of recapturing the title it last won in 1979.

Clayton had far more possession in the final but Essendon always looked threatening on the break. From such a ploy Essendon opened the scoring

with a 15 metre shot but a foul inside the area on Clayton's Zelko Brankovic enabled Arthur Hrysianidis to level from the spot just before the interval.

Jorge Rodriguez applied the finishing touch to a good move from Tony Medina in the second half to give Clayton a 2-1 lead and just before full time Brankovic sealed Essendon's fate when he forced the ball home from close range.

Young Wolves meet Germans

The international camaraderie of World Cup fever had a dying flutter recently in the Illawarra when Wollongong City's under-16 team played two games against visiting West German club side, Uchteffangen.

Wollongong City won the first game 3-1 and Uchteffangen the second 2-1.

Wollongong City hosted the visitors during their three day stay and Corrimall Leagues Club and AGA-Club Germania supported them with functions at the respective clubs after both games.

The German team came to Australia at the invitation of St Patrick's Soccer Club in Blacktown but while in the Illawarra it was billeted in the homes of the Wollongong City under-16 team members and supporters.

Uchteffangen is a village of 4500 people in the Saarland of West Germany, near the French border, dependent on

steelmaking and coal mining, so the affinity with the Illawarra area was marked.

The club's youngest player is 6 years old and the oldest is 60, according to team Manager, Kurt Alt, a school-teacher in Uchteffangen's high school and a member of the 40-60 year olds soccer team. The team which played in Wollongong was aged 14-17 and put up an excellent showing.

Wollongong City/Illawarra under-16s are coached by Soccer defender, Arno Bertogna, who is having an outstanding year in the Philips League with Wollongong City, and who has worked tirelessly to make the German visit a success.

His under-16s are showing great potential and are second in their competition one point behind St George. The highlight of their season was their 1-0 defeat of St George recently and Arno is convinced that a number of the team members can go places in Australian soccer. They typify the wealth of soccer talent in the Illawarra district.

The German visit was a great experience for these young lads and Wollongong City hopes that it is the first of many such youth team visits to this area.

The club would welcome approaches from any other visiting clubs.

The tourists didn't take long to show their wares in the first of the two challenge matches.

As early as the first minute the German boys went ahead through tall striker Christof Klos. However, from then on the Wollongong City boys, twice hitting the upright then the cross bar as well as going close on several other occasions.

The Germans led 1-0 at half-time.

The first goal scored by Wollongong City midway in the second half came from a well taken penalty by David Spencer. The second goal, some 10 minutes later, was a brilliant individual effort by Tony Corradini who also scored the third goal for City with a beautiful header from a good corner taken by Darren Nees.

It was very entertaining stuff and the crowd loved every minute of it. Best for the German team would have to be Markus Dorr, the goalkeeper who had a lot of work to do but who stayed cool throughout the game. At 14 years of age he shows great promise to maybe be one of the future West German national goalkeepers.

The second encounter at AGA-Club Germania ground, Berkeley, Uchteffangen beat Wollongong City/Illawarra by 2-1 in another entertaining game.

A goal was again scored by Uchteffangen in the first minute when a cross from Christian Bost was taken by Wollongong City goalkeeper Tony Markovski but he stepped back over the line.

Wollongong City had its chances to equalise but failed to do so from two quick corners and a West German counter attack resulted in a good save from the City goalkeeper to prevent Thomas Bost from scoring.

Wollongong City was unlucky not to score when Paul Morris's shot was tipped over the bar by the German goalie, Markus Dorr, who again had a great game.

Early in the second half the Germans went further ahead when a long through ball again found Bost in a good scoring position and he slipped the ball past the City goalkeeper.

Midway through the second half pressure from Wollongong City resulted in Craig Baker opening City's score with a great individual goal.

Great defence from the West Germans kept the "Wolf Cubs" at bay and despite intense pressure from City in the last 10 minutes, the Germans ran out 2-1 victors.

JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION



Wollongong City/Illawarra U/16s: Back Row: Arno Bertogna (Coach), Julio Sanchez (Manager), Darren Nees, Marco Sanchez, Roberto Gonzalez, Jamie Dummit, Tony Markovski, Nicki Krkovski, Ian Grant, Frank Williams (Manager). Front Row: Peter Yeaman, Tony Corradini, Ian Cracknell, Paul Morris, Craig Baker, David Spencer, Vince Perri and Len Barton.

The boys from St Joseph's



St Joseph's, North Melbourne, which finished third in group A of the SM Hellen Schoolboys Cup. Back row: David Clarke (coach), David Uremec, Sal Valentino, Silvano Andreoli, Bruno Messina, John Hill, George Apostolakis, Adrian De Leonardis. Front: Luc Trani, Angelo Muccio, Frank Baronessa, Linn Chann (captain), Nick Giampaolo, Sam Niccoli, Enzo Rivellese.

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chowski, 14 (No club given); Paul Hunter, 8 (Belgrave South); Andrew Galester, 10, five goals; Charles Hose, 10 (Hampton Park); Damien Afrentis, 10, Brian Bothwell, 11, four goals (East Bentleigh); Leigh Shearn, 10, Glen Morgan, 10, four goals (Karingal United); Marcello Russo, 13 (Box Hill); Branko Rados, 12, five goals (Melbourne Croatia); Julian Costin, 8, (Doveton); James Lay, 11, Pieter Langeveld, 9, four goals (North Park Rovers); Karl Hefer, 12, Lee Lutton, 12 (Brighton); R. Puse, 8, R. Bal, 13, four goals (Baxter); C. Romero, 10, five goals; L. Toumeris, 10, M. Farret, 10, G. Pierakos, 12, four goals; N. Peskopous, 12, P. Alderton, 12, A. Taylor, 12, S. Rush, 12, C. Tidd, 12, four goals; L. Jeffreys, 14, five goals; G. Blakemore, 16, four goals; P. Goman, 16 (Blackburn); Con Musters, 13 (Mordialloc); David Hope, 7, David Ivanovic, 7, Peter Ward, 8, five goals; Troy Sunstrom, 9, Jason Lynch, 10, Corey Buggy, 10, Michael Everingham, 15, six goals (Macquarie Fields United); C. Scourrah, 8, R. Puse, 8, B. Mehrmann, 11, four goals; S. Keith, 11, four goals; P. Hurlstone, 16 (Baxter); William Mesley, 15, (Sandringham City).

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Polonia-Maribyrnong, from left, standing: Peter Czapiuk (from juniors), Mikrek Simlonek (from LKS Lodz, 1981), Martin Jaworski (returned from Western Suburbs, Vic, 1981), Leszek Dzielski (from Motor Lublin, 1978), Stan Klein (ex Kellor City, Polonia-Adelaide, Green Gully Ajax and Werribee), Kevin Innes (from Altona City, 1982), Stefan Mils (from Vardis, Poland, 1982).

Front: Andy Czapiuk (long-serving Polonia player who returned in 1981 from a short stint with Western Suburbs), Tad Kryszinski (from Stal Rzeszow, 1980), Ricky Lipinski (long-serving Polonia player, also has a stint with Ardeer), Brendan Letic (top scorer last year, joined from Fawkner), Mike Pichner (former Ardeer junior), Janusz Przybyla (from Motor Lublin, 1982).

Missing: Alex Marshall (from Richmond, 1981), Larry Ostrowski (from Footscray U.S.T.),

Johnny Wallace (ex-Melbourne, Hakoah, Croatia, APIA and Richmond), Zbigniew Czochowski (from Sydney Croatia, 1982). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Polonia-Maribyrnong had made a triumphant return to the Victorian State League, after an absence of four years, and is well-placed to finish in the top four. Polonia was relegated to Metropolitan League soccer at the end of 1977 but finally won the First Division championship last season to earn a passage back into the big time. The club is looking forward to backing from a push new Polish social club to be built at Sunshine in Melbourne's western Suburbs. In the sixties, Polonia was among the finest teams in Australia, and the club's greatest players have included Vic Janczyk, Mike Jurcicki, Zdzislaw Maruszewicz, Andrzej Ziarnka, Edward Janowski, Kaz Kowalec (now coach), Bruno Putkowski and more recently, Mike Olinowski, Andy Czapiuk and Eddy Marmur. Recent import Stefan Mils is favored to win the 1982 Victorian Rothmans Medal.

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Marconi in strife, Makedonia offers APA new hope

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Brisbane City and Adelaide City for relegation: that's the way it looks with three rounds to go.

Marconi also has joined the fight against relegation. On form, Marconi is likely to finish below Newcastle and Footscray J.U.S.T., but not among the bottom two.

Canberra's form appears to have improved sufficiently to avoid having to stand for re-election, even if it loses its crucial match against Newcastle on Saturday week.

Newcastle will be involved in another relegation struggle this week, against Footscray J.U.S.T. at the International Sports Centre.

But J.U.S.T.'s chances of survival have been improved by the return of midfielders Zoran Ilioski and Slobodan Jovanovic.

The team did well to hang onto successive draws in the two weeks that it missed Ilioski who has been injured.

Remaining matches of the relegation candidates, with home games in capitals:

Brisbane City: v Heidelberg, ST. GEORGE, Wollongong.
Adelaide City: v WEST ADELAIDE, APIA-Leichhardt, HEIDELBERG.
Canberra City: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC, Newcastle, Brisbane Lions.

Newcastle: v FOOTSCRAY JUST, CANBERRA, Marconi.
Footscray JUST: v Newcastle, HEIDELBERG, Preston-Makedonia.

Marconi-Datsun: v SYDNEY CITY, West Adelaide, NEWCASTLE.

Three of the relegation-threatened teams have to meet Heidelberg and these should be titanic struggles, for Heidelberg needs victories to stay in the top four, as APIA is only two points behind.

In this week's round, I expect Canberra to gain at least one point from Sydney Olympic at home, due to the fine form of George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne, Steve Bryant and Terry Byrne. Canberra however, must start showing cohesion in attack.

Coach Dom Kapetanovic was bitterly disappointed with Marconi's performance against South Melbourne Hellas last Sunday, and his team appears to have no hope of upsetting 1982 champion Sydney City Hakoah at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Hakoah may have stopper Steve O'Connor back in the line-up, and he will make it even harder for Marconi.

J.U.S.T. is playing tightly enough in defence to hang on for yet another point against Newcastle, but it will need to mark more closely in midfield than it did against Canberra last Sunday, for Jim Hamilton and Joe Senkalski are eminently capable of winning the game for Newcastle.

Adelaide's local derbies usually are closely fought, with current form not really a true indication of how these matches will end.

Adelaide City however, lacks the attacking power to upset West Adelaide.

Brisbane City has no hope of beating Heidelberg-Alexander at the Olympic Village, if Brisbane's away record is any indication.

In 13 away games, Brisbane City has won only once and scored only seven goals. Heidelberg has John Yzendoorn back after injury, and Ken Taylor also returns after suspension, giving the Berrys their strongest squad in many weeks.

Preston-Makedonia may give APIA-Leichhardt the opportunity to climb back into the top four on Sunday.

Makedonia, which is at the peak of its form, should beat Wollongong at Connor Reserve. George McMillan and Gary Ward have scored in each of the past three weeks, and now Doug Brown is back as well, determined to get back among the goals.

Even the great Arno Bertogna will be unable to stop that attack, backed up by Claude Lucchesi and Alan Whittle.

So if Makedonia wins this one, Wollongong could find itself tumbling out of the top four, to be replaced by APIA on goal difference, provided APIA beats St. George at St. George Stadium.

Saints however, will have striker Ted Macdougall back after injury, and Macdougall still is shooting for his first goal in the PSL.

Wollongong, with the live wire member for Corrimall, Laurie Kelly, as chairman, has paid its way in the PSL and recouped \$20,000 of the original \$80,000 investment.

Soccer identities Robert Banks, Ron Burns and John Morris are all league club directors.

With former Scotland and Celtic winger Willie Wallace already signed as 1993 coach, the Wolves' astute management has laid a fine foundation for their future.

Newcastle also may shift to a new ground.

Newcastle chairman Harley Dixon said: "We have suffered mainly because the International Sports Centre has its own funding arrangements which have priority over ours."

"It means that every member of the ISC licensed club is admitted free to our games. In consequence our board has decided that we will study the alternative of using a suitable ground in the nearby growth area of Lake Macquarie."

In the remaining game of the next round, Brisbane Lions faces a tough home encounter against South Melbourne Hellas, which has Alan Evans back in top form.

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB United v Footscray J.U.S.T. (draw) at International Sports Centre, Saturday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Richlands, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Marconi-Datsun v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v APIA-Leichhardt at St. George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City Juventus v WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v Wollongong at Connor Reserve, Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v Brisbane City at Olympic Village, Sunday 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA
CANBERRA CITY v Sydney Olympic, at Bruce Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

Vojtek's team tops

Victoria's first indoor soccer league kicked off last Monday night at Slough Road's indoor centre in Altona.

There are two senior leagues and an under-14 league.

Senior League A consists of 14 teams and plays its league games on Monday nights, starting at 7 pm. Senior League B, also of 14 teams, plays on Tuesday nights. The juniors play on Sunday nights, starting at 6 pm.

Billy Vojtek's Gradjanski team is hot favorite to take out the title. Vojtek's side was last year's indoor championship at Festival Hall and has been strengthened by the inclusion of former Melbourne Croatia and Blacktown star Branko Culina.

Morwell Falcons probably will provide the stiffest competition for Gradjanski.

In Senior League A, Country Boys and Argentinos Juniors look the likely contenders for the championship.

Next Monday night's fixtures: Bulleen v Sunshine Heights, The Veterans v Zagreb, Mediteranean Boys v Ballarat; Gradjanski v Saints; Bulleen v Zagreb, The Veterans v Sunshine Heights; Gradjanski v Ballarat; Mediteranean Boys v Saints.

Tuesday night's Senior League B games: Mossfield Youth v Saints; Heathmont Gladiators v Lazio; Morton v Mighty Mossfield; Mossfield Rangers v Argentinos Juniors; Lazio v Mossfield Youth; Heathmont Gladiators v Saints; Argentinos Juniors v Mighty Mossfield; Mossfield Rangers v Morton.

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Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	
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1. (1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	9 2 2 33:13	8 3 3 25:12	58:25 39
2. (2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	9 2 2 24:10	4 5 5 18:23	42:33 33
3. (3) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	9 3 2 24:14	3 4 6 14:19	38:33 31
4. (3) WOLLONGONG	8 1 4 19:17	6 2 6 18:25	37:42 31
5. (5) APIA-Leichhardt	7 4 3 24:21	4 3 6 19:26	43:47 29
6. (6) Sydney Olympic	5 2 7 23:18	6 4 3 23:18	46:38 28
7. (7) Preston-Makedonia	6 4 3 24:16	3 6 5 15:24	39:40 28
8. (8) West Adelaide Hellas	7 3 4 28:13	3 4 6 14:21	42:34 27
9. (9) South Melbourne Hellas	7 4 2 24:15	2 5 7 17:20	41:35 27
10. (11) Brisbane Lions	6 2 5 23:17	3 6 5 15:20	38:37 26
11. (10) Marconi-Datsun	7 2 4 28:16	3 2 9 11:24	39:40 24
12. (12) Footscray JUST	2 8 4 18:19	3 5 5 15:22	33:41 23
13. (13) Newcastle KB United	4 4 6 18:18	4 2 8 19:29	37:47 23
14. (15) Canberra City	4 5 4 24:23	2 6 5 14:25	33:48 22
15. (14) Adelaide City Juventus	3 8 2 15:10	2 3 9 17:20	32:38 21
16. (16) Brisbane City	4 8 2 22:17	1 2 10 7:32	29:49 20

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Figures in brackets denotes total appearances in this team:

- POTTER (3)**
(Makedonia)
- SKEEN (3)** (St. George) **T. BYRNE (2)** (Canberra) **HERMISTON (1)** (Brisb. City) **ROGERS (1)** (Syd. Olympic)
- PATIKAS (3)** (Syd. City) **CHRISTOPOULOS (1)** (Canberra) **BRADLEY (3)** (APIA)
- WATSON (5)** (Syd. City) **EVANS (3)** (SM-Hellas) **KOSMINA (1)** (Syd. City)

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- SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3** (Campbell, Buljevic, Nicolaidis (MARCONI-DATSUN 1 (Licata) at Middle Park. Votes by Peter Desai:
6. Evans (SM), 5. Davidson (SM), 4. Blair (SM), 3. Veneri (M), 2. Halford (SM), 1. Calderon (M).
- BRISBANE CITY 1** (Cairney) **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1** (Lowe) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosso:
6. Hermiston (BC), 5. McVeigh (BC), 4. Lowe (M), 3. Sheddin (M), 2. Kelso (BC), 1. Drinkwater (M).
- FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2** (Kojic, Kondarinos) **CANBERRA CITY 2** (G. Byrne, Brennan) at Schindler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:
6. Christopoulos (C), 5. T. Byrne (C), 4. G. Byrne (C), 3. Bryant (C), 2. Hazebent (JUST), 1. Ontong (C).
- WOLLONGONG 0** **BRISBANE LIONS 2** (Hogg, Williamson) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Phillip Micallef:
6. O'Connor (W), 5. Atmore (BL), 4. Willis (W), 3. Millman (BL), 2. Wright (BL), 1. Bertogna (W).
- SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1** (Patikas, Mitchell, 2. Kosmina, Boden) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1** (Carter) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Peter Scott:
6. Patikas (SC), 5. Watson (SC), 4. Kosmina (SC), 3. Mitchell (SC), 2. Barnes (SC), 1. Robertson (SC).
- WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1** (Dunn) **ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1** (Morton) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Meno Tourlaidis:
6. Skeen (ST.G), 5. Crook (WA), 4. J. O'Shea (ST.G), 3. Dunn (ST.G), 2. Griffiths (ST.G), 1. Morton (ST.G).
- APIA-LEICHHARDT 1** (Jones) **HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1** (Paton) at Lambert Park. Votes by Roger Sharack:
6. Bradley (APIA), 5. Carter (APIA), 4. Jones (APIA), 3. Parkes (APIA), 2.

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West Adel. 1 St George 1

Scorers: Dunn (WA), Martin penalty (St G).
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: about 2,500.

Referee: Bambridge 8.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, McGrigor 8, Dunn 8, Maricic 7, Toutsidis 7, Atkinson 7, Sumner 8, Doorne 7, Koulianos 8 (McGachey 75th), Honeyman 8, Hoys 6.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Skeon 9, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Griffiths 8, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 6 (Koritar 86th) - Martin 8, Wilkinson 6, Slater 8.

West Adelaide almost certainly threw away any hope of making the PSL top four after a 1-1 draw with St George.

West Adelaide opened the scoring in the 12th minute when Robbie Dunn swept the ball into the far corner after a cross from Steve Atsalas.

West Adelaide had ample opportunity to increase its lead but St George hung on.

Midway through the first half, Graham Honeyman shot at the goalkeeper after pouncing on a loose ball.

Moments later Ian McGore slammed a marvellous drive from 30 metres which bounced off the cross bar.

St George attacked aggressively in the second half but was thwarted by some great goalkeeping from Martyn Crook.

St George striker Dez Marlon looked certain to score in the 57th minute but Crook made a splendid one-handed save.

Marton gave Crook no chance in the 65th minute when he netted from the penalty spot after defender Dunn had handled the ball.

This was a free flowing, fast and entertaining game which was marred by one nasty incident in the second half when big Paul Wilkinson and Dunn tangled near the far touchline.

Referee Chris Bambridge was quickly on the spot to separate the pair but a spectator jumped the fence and lashed out at Bambridge.



INTERVIEW: Robbie Dunn (right) scores for West Adelaide, with St. George goalkeeper Mike Fraser still down. At centre are Graeme Honeyman and Mike O'Shea. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Peter Scott

Sydney City 6 Adel. City 1 Peter Scott

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd: 1158.
Referee: Richard Lorenz

Scorers: Patikas 10; 21; Kosmina 40; Mitchell 25; 54; Boden 82 (SC) Carter (AC) 62. **Cautions:** B. Nyskohus, Russell and Carter (all AC).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Cluke 6, Mullen 7, Robertson 7, Cant 7, Bruce 7, Barnes 7, Patikas 9 (Boden 75th) Spinos 7, Watson 9, Kosmina 9, Mitchell 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 5, Russell 5, Banfield 8, Flounders 5, Buggy Nyskohus 6, Mehta 6, Marocchini 5, Carter 7, John Nyskohus 6, Villani 6, Schillabeer 5. Sydney City Hakoah

clinched another PSL championship title with three more rounds still to go in the competition, with a ridiculously easy drubbing of hapless Adelaide City.

Six points ahead of St George Budapest, and with a vastly superior goal difference, The Blues often bulldozed their way to wins this season.

But last Sunday was different in that the champions' main characteristic this time was skill and pace, in a beautifully choreographed soccer ballet.

Pity that only 1158 fans were on hand and pity that Hakoah fans seemingly have become so blasé that there was a total absence of

championship celebrations on the terraces.

This does not take anything away from the team and coach Eddie Thomson.

Three goals in the opening 25 minutes put the issue beyond doubt, with the only question remaining the exact extent of the visitors' destruction at the end of 90 minutes.

There were memorable moments throughout the game.

Jim Patikas' marvellous efforts at midfield and up front, bagging two lovely goals and marking him yet again as the obvious leader of the young Socceros at this year's World Youth Cup eliminations.

Joe Watson's taunting and tantalising of the Adelaide Defence, with Hakoah's longest serving player yet again proving that his skills have not diminished with the years.

The glorious interplay between John Spanos and Dave Mitchell for the home side's fifth goal, which tied the Adelaide defence into knots, before actually hitting the back of the net, and Kenny Boden's spectacular comeback as a late substitute, collecting a ball in the dying minutes which travelled the length of the pitch via Robertson, Kosmina and Mitchell, before Boden calmly rounded the diving Bobby Ferguson to score.

Adelaide City's long trip to Sydney would have been a total waste, if not for a very well taken 25 metre shot by an adventurous Les Carter completely unmarked and in the open on the wing.

By then, however, it was too late for Johnny's men to do anything but stand back and grimly wait for the final whistle to put them out of their misery.

APA LOSES WILSON



Roger Sherack

kept plugging away. Their fitness showed out remarkably as they played at full stretch for the entire 90 minutes.

Rather, as it turned out, the match lasted 961 minutes. Referee Doug Rennie added on 24 minutes for first half stoppages, and four minutes to the second half to make up for Heidelberg's tardiness in getting on with the play.

The home crowd became quite vocal over the Melbourne club's tactics, which might carry them into the semi-finals but will win them no hearts at all.

By the sixth minute Peter Jones had headed over from a John Bradley cross, and immediately afterwards Mike Valentine tried Parkes with a low shot.

Heidelberg lost Don Macleod with an injury.

John Yzendorp came on and played his usual neat hand in a return after injury.

APA applied the pressure particularly in a three-minute burst from the 34th minute, with Tony Morsello and De Ceglie (twice) going close to scoring.

A foul by Mark Pullen on Jim Campbell just outside the box led to Cole taking the kick after two players had shielded the ball. Ultimately an offside decision killed the move.

Young Paul Carter close-marked Paton well, and later Jeff Oliver was called upon to make a fingertip save from Jim McBreen.

But it was not to be. APA

it looked as if APA were home in the 58th minute but Theo Selemidis came from the close to clear shot by Peter Jones from right on the line.

Little was seen of Cole and Jim Campbell around the box, but all of a sudden Mike Valentine made a perfectly judged cross from the left touchline.

Cole knocked the ball on to Paton, whose shot was a couple of metres wide.

Paton must have got the scent, because in the 67th minute he scored. The move started fairly deep on the left with Tom Tansey. McBreen missed a header and McAusland missed the run of the ball and Paton streaked in to get his goal.

Chris Bekiaris got a cross to Valentine in the 80th minute but nothing came of it.

The run of play remained with APA, and in the 83rd minute a Peter Jones header eluded Oliver, after a Carter cross and a De Ceglie shot and the equaliser was in.

There was quite a dust-up in Heidelberg's goal after another Jones header screamed towards goal, but its forward path was checked by the crossbar.

Heidelberg produced no outstanding players, but John Bradley was top value for APA for most of the game.

Pullen was in top form, Jones was the scorer again, and De Ceglie and Carter continue to impress.

Send-off angers Wallace

Wollongong 0 Brisb. Lions 2

Scorers: Hogg, Williamson
Venue: Wollongong Showground
Crowd: 2500

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7, Willis 8, Ainsworth 7, Bertogno 7, Dunleavy 7, Waldron 6, Fleming 6, Adam 6, Treddinick 6, O'Connor 8, Cotton 5 (sent off 53rd).
BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan

When a normally composed person like Willie Wallace blows his top at someone, we sit-up and take notice.

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Wallace also slammed the Lions' tactics.

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The match was tightly balanced until Lions scored their

1. McKimming 7, Ferris 7, Bennett 6, Niven 7, Hogg 7, Millman 7, Atmore 8, Wright 7, Williamson 7, Ogden 6.

Referee: Gary Power 6.

Sent off: Cotton for foul and abusive language.

Cautions: Ainsworth (W).

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first goal with 17 minutes to go.

Lions, strong in defence and organised in midfield, let the Wolves dictate play but the home side was allowed only two chances in the first half.

First a crisp shot by Lee Adam missed the crossbar by a fraction of an inch and then a header by Phil O'Connor smashed against the crossbar with Scanlan beaten.

Lions had a good chance when Danny Wright created space for himself but his low shot hit the upright off goalkeeper Jim Preston's fingertips.

In the second half Willis went close with a violent first timer but the early expulsion of Cotton was the turning point of the match.

The Lions came out of their shell and Preston brought the house down with an intuitive save off the dangerous Billy Williamson.

But Preston could do nothing to stop midfielder Stephen Hogg from finding the net with a perfect shot.

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Olympic tires, in nips Ward and McMillan

Syd. Olympic 2 Makedonia 2

Scorers: SO: Katos 2 incl pen. Mak: Ward, McMillan.
Venue: Pratten Park.
Crowd: 3428.

Referee: Peter Ramplay 7.
Cautions: Lucchesi, Todorovski, Petrovski (Mak), Kelly, Raskopoulos (SO).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7 - Rogers 8, Zias 7, Rowden 7, Kelly 8 - Phillips 7, Katos 6, Raskopoulos 5 - Redfern 6, K. Wilson 7, Jennings 5.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 8 - Petrovski 6, Jones 8, Todorovski 6, Fox 6 - Opasinas 7, Ollerton 7, Lucchesi 6 - Ward 7, McMillan 6, Brown 7.

How did Sydney Olympic throw away two points against Preston/Makedonia?

It all started promisingly for Olympic. It moved the ball well and quickly interchanged positions and subdued the visitor.

Martin Rogers and Kenny Wilson particularly were prominent during the opening half, with Rogers providing the spade work for much of the openings on the right hand side while Wilson had David Jones and co. in all sorts of trouble with his ability to win the ball in the air and distribute it well.

In fact Wilson was the instigator of an attack as early as the third minute which should have brought the first goal before crossing low for Redfern to head past Potter, but the ball hit the post and rebounded straight back to Redfern who by then was rendered ineffective with his back firmly planted on the surface of Pratten Park.

Olympic went ahead after Claude Lucchesi appeared to trip Roger just inside the area and Katos scored from the spot. Katos had his first shot saved, but he chimed in to poke in the rebound.

Ken Wilson headed down to Jimmy Redfern in the 20th minute and a goal looked imminent, but the shot which followed was too weak and inaccurate.

Wilson had the goal at his mercy in the 37th minute when his header from a Katos free kick did not find the target. A minute later Rogers found an unmarked Redfern who turned, then shot but yet again past the post from close range.

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end, instead of shooting, the luckless Jennings managed to merely "backpass" to Potter.

Preston became adventurous, pushing almost two men forward, and within two minutes missed two good opportunities. The first came to Lucchesi following a good header by Ollerton, then McMillan failed to beat Wilson after a good through ball, again from Ollerton.

Katos scored his second goal after a superb through ball by Raskopoulos in the 67th minute and the game was all but over. Preston Makedonia failed to inspire, having only two men up front and a two goal lead looked sufficient.

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Christopoulos in control, Kondarios saves JUST

Foots JUST 2 Canberra 2

Scorers: Kojic (JUST) 1st min 1-0; G. Byrne (Can) 25th, 1-1; Brennan (Can) 43rd 2-1; Kondarios (JUST) 71st 2-2.

Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: About 2000.
Referee: D. Voutsinas 6.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Ciric 6 - Kyriakoulas 6, O'Reilly 7, Kondarios 7, Hazabent 8 - Ristovski 6, Milne 6, Hatunic 5 (Jovanovic 6, 54th), Pijevajcic 7 - Kojic 5, Lujic 7.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 7 - Ontong 8, T. Byrne 9, Murray 6, Mynovic 6 - Christopoulos 9, G. Byrne 8, Bryant 8 - MacLaren 5 (Stono 80th), Gibson 8, Brennan 7.

Footscray JUST's acting captain Jim Kondarios scored 19 minutes from the end to grab a 2-2 draw in his crucial relegation battle.

JUST led 1-0 with a goal by Milan Kojic after only one minute, but Canberra outplayed JUST for the rest of the game, particularly in midfield.

George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne and Steve Bryant controlled the match, with the support of sweeper Terry Byrne, and JUST certainly erred in failing to pick them up.

JUST had expected a much-improved performance from Yugoslav guest player Jusuf Hatunic, but he was replaced by Slobodan Jovanovic just after half-time, and may not be dropped altogether.

The point gained suited JUST for Canberra needed a win to climb above JUST.



Laurie Schwab

Kondarios agreed after the game JUST's midfielders had played poorly, but he said many of his players have been carrying injuries for some weeks.

Canberra started the game with Jim Murray in defence, taking the place of Angelo Ambrosino who had played in the mid-week Philips Cup semi-final against Heidelberg.

Almost directly from the kickoff Zdravko Lujic raced past Canberra full-back Paul Ontong and crossed to Kojic, who headed JUST into the lead. Ontong, however, stuck to Lujic like a leech for the rest of the game.

Canberra equalised after 25 minutes when Gary Byrne stroked the ball low just inside the post, and Canberra continued to dominate.

Don McLaren missed twice from good positions before Tony Brennan, picking up a long clearance from defence, slammed a fierce drive just under the crossbar to make the half-time score 2-1 to Canberra.

The appearance of substitute Jovanovic gave JUST more attacking chances and it was from a through pass by Jovanovic that Kojic almost scored.

He faced goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski in the 56th minute, but Hoszowski dived bravely to smother the shot.

Jovanovic in, Hatunic out

MacLaren was twice foiled at close range, and a towering header by Terry Byrne was saved by goalkeeper Milutin Ciric before JUST equalised.

Jovanovic took a free kick from the left and Kondarios headed it in at the far post in the 71st minute.

Canberra replaced MacLaren with Ian Stone 10 minutes from the end but JUST held on to the draw.

Christopoulos certainly was the best man on the ground, closely followed by Terry Byrne, Gary Byrne and Steve Bryant, while left back Igor Hazabent was best for JUST.

There is talk that South Melbourne Hellas wants Christopoulos back next season, as part of its team rebuilding programme.

Canberra however, is sure to fight hard to keep the brilliant midfielder.

I'M OFF TO SYDNEY, SAYS THE DOC!



Peter Desira

SM-Hellas 3 Marconi 1

Scorers: 1-0 Campbell 9th 2-0 Buljevic 62nd, 3-0 Nicolaidis 68th, 3-1 Licata 79th.
Ground: Middle Park
Attendance: 2500 (estimate)

Referee: B. Monteverde 6.
Cautions: Calderon

SOUTH MELBOURNE: HELLAS: Laumets 7, Bennett 7, Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Nicolaidis 7, Davidson 8, Shirra 7 (Buljevic 7, 53m), Halford 8, Evans 9, Egan 7, Campbell 7.

MARCONI-DATSUN: Veneri 8; Bozanic 6, Calderon 8, Mariani 6, Prskalo 6, Henderson 6, Vieri 6, H. Silva 6, Hunter 6, M. Silva 6 (Licata 6th), Jankovic 6.

Tommy Docherty removed any lingering doubts about where he will be next season with his pre-match statement.

"All things being equal, that is if South Melbourne releases me from my contract, I'll move to Sydney," he said.

"I prefer living in Sydney. It is better for my business wise — club wise if you like — and everything I've been promised I got," he added.

The latter part — about Sydney Olympic honoring all its promises last year — was a direct shot at Hellas team manager Leo Anazakis who had been quoted in the Melbourne "Sun" saying "I don't think he (Docherty) has settled in Melbourne. He has got a house but bought no furniture, is not on the phone and hasn't got a car."



Branko Buljevic (right) shows grim determination before racing past Steve Calderon (left) to score Hellas's second goal.

Docherty said "It's true I haven't got any furniture but that's because the house I'm living in is furnished."

"And the club promised me a car but never got me one. I'm having to use taxis which I'm paying out of my pocket."

Regardless of anything else that's going on, Docherty has agreed to see out the season with Hellas. And with the pressure off, the side turned on an entertaining afternoon of soccer with a four-man attack that made mincemeat of Marconi's disjointed defence.

The first half alone brought clear-cut chances for Charlie Egan, Carl Halford twice, Alan Davidson, and Alun Evans and it was only the goalkeeping of young Tony

Veneri, standing in for the injured Allan Maher, that saved face for the once mighty Sydney side.

Veneri, playing in only his third PSL game, picked the ball out of the net as early as the ninth minute but after an unsteady start grew in confidence and four minutes from the end pulled off the save of the match, flying across goal to save a goalbound header from Halford.

The ninth-minute goal came from a corner kick situation, with George Campbell slamming the ball in after Alun Evans had cut it back from the byline.

Evans was back to his best, constantly offering himself up front and laying on a number of delightful passes for Egan to run onto.

But Hellas could not get the ball in to the net again until Branko Buljevic came on as substitute after the break.

The veteran winger had been on the park for only a few minutes before he got his

name on the scoresheet, finishing off a centre from Egan.

The third goal came in the 78th minute and was credited to Socrates Nicolaidis although the ball deflected off Marconi sweeper Bertie Mariani before it crossed the line.

But the young fullback did all the hard work, latching onto a poor clearance to smash the ball goalward — and duly showed all the pique of scoring his first ever PSL goal.

Marconi's consolation effort came from Rene Licata who had been surprisingly warming the bench until the 67th minute in spite of the several ineffective performers on the park.

He beat Gerry Bennett for a through pass by Mariani and smashed the ball past Laumets from the left side of the box.

Laumets contributed to part of the afternoon's entertainment, acting as an extra defender on four occasions, rushing out of the box to kick clear long through balls aimed for Mark Jankovic.

Ouch! Marconi goalkeeper Tony Veneri "catches" Charlie Egan's head instead of the ball (top left). Egan stays down as Veneri turns his attention back upfield. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

NINTH GOAL FOR LOWE

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Scorers: (Cairney (BC) 8th; Lowe (Newc.) 68th.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Crowd: About 1200.
Cautions: Sneddon.

Referee: Alan Kibbler 9.
CITY: Pozzano 7, McVeigh 8, Hermiston 8, Liddell 7, Yakasi 7, Osborne 6 (Glockner 71st), Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Bohan 7, Kelso 7, Cairney 7.
NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7, Endacott 6, Tredinnick 7, Drinkwater 7, Sneddon 8, Mason 6, (Stamp 62nd), Hamilton 7, Drysdale 6, Lowe 8, Jones 7, Senkalski 7.

Australian youth squad member David Lowe showed his class when he expertly finished to equalise for Newcastle against Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Lowe, who at 17 already has scored nine PSL goals, had been shadowed all day by the experienced and uncompromi-



Ricky Rosso

sing Jim Hermiston and Frank Liddell but made the most of his opportunity to punish the City defence.

His goal came in the 68th minute but prior to that he had made little headway past the sturdy Scotsmen. His break came following a 62nd minute substitution when midfielder Craig Mason left the field for tall striker Alf Stamp.

Stamp seemed to attract a little more of the attention that Liddell in particular had been giving Lowe, and the short but sturdy striker drifted wide on the left. There he found much more space and

when a long clearance landed near him he collected, ran the ball nearly 50 metres and blasted a low shot into the net.

This was the third consecutive home game City had drawn when they had enough chances to win by a handsome margin. A somewhat makeshift side took the park due to injuries to Willie Conner, Steve Perry and Joe Palinkas. The team included big striker Barry Kelso in only his second game back after an injury lay-off of more than six weeks.

Scottish import Joe Cairney, who has played much of this year in the club's reserve side and State League team player Dave Osborne.

Kelso was brilliant in the first 20 minutes, winning everything in the air and making dangerous runs through the Newcastle defence. It was Kelso's work that set up the goal for Cairney, his first in the Philips League.

The match was only eight minutes old when the big striker ran onto a brilliant ball

from Hermiston, beat his defender, then lobbed a pass to the far post where Cairney, totally unmarked, had the simple job of nodding in.

At that stage everything looked rosy for the home side and a comfortable win was on the cards. But Kelso's lack of match fitness showed before the first half hour passed and although afterwards he was still prominent he was never as dangerous and City's attack dried up.

If City coach Nereo Saffich was worried about his attack Newcastle's Ken Kaiser must have been desperate at half-time as his side had produced nothing up front. Lowe had tried hard but his only support appeared to be David Jones, who did nothing but have one weak speculative shot at goal.

Saffich brought on Queensland youth team striker Steve Glenister for Osborne and the speedy front quickly made his presence felt.



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POLONIA: Dziulakowski 9 — Klein 8, Mills 8, A. Czupnik 8, Smolinski 8, Ljilarski 7 (inj. Pickner 60th, inj. Innes 80th), Jaworski 7, Przybyla 7 — Lakic 6, Krynski 6, Marshall 6.

AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Connell 8, Hogan 7 — Grochan 6 (Smallman 52nd), Versalio 7, Williams 7 — Dickson 5 (Bennett 70th), Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 5 (sent off 71st).

Not content with scoring the winner in the reserve game, Ajax substitute David Smallman came on in the 82nd minute of the main match and his last-minute goal gave the champion elect a point when all seemed lost.

Smallman probably created history by becoming the first Welsh international to play in the State League reserves.

He has carried a nagging injury for weeks. As a last resort he visited a physiotherapist in Footscray who took about 15 seconds to move two nerves causing Smallman a great deal of pain and now the former Everton and Wrexham star, free from injury, looks likely to play a vital role in the remaining challenges in front of Ajax this year.

Polonia opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Brendan Lakic chased a loose ball, kept it in and crossed for big Alex Marshall, unmarked, to head firmly past Lou Denys.

POLONIA 1 (Marshall) AJAX 1 (Smallman).

Ajax poured on the pressure but to no avail. Three times the league leader was denied by the woodwork and had two goals disallowed by referee Zoumas.

Zoumas made Ajax's hopes of salvaging a draw appear impossible in the 71st minute

when he sent off Paul Lewis for allegedly swearing.

John Gardiner pushed on alongside striker Gus Macleod and Ajax kept pressing for that vital goal.

In the 87th minute a Polonia defender passed the ball back, wide of advancing keeper

Leszek Dziulakowski. The ball trundled toward goal then hit the inside of the post and bounced straight back into Dziulakowski's hands.

Smallman struck his decisive blow in the last minute. He headed the ball past a mass of players in front of the Polonia goal to deny the Polish-sponsored club of what would have been a memorable result.

Doves face death blow

Doveton will book its ticket back to Metro ranks if it loses to Melbourne Croatia at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

If so the biggest problem facing the club will be trying to keep its squad together in order to immediately recover its State League status.

I'm convinced that had Doveton's present squad been assembled at the start of this season then the club would at least be mid-table by now. Of



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course that's hypothetical and merely my opinion.

However there's little doubt that Stan Webster, John Dowie, Ian Stirton, Steve Irvine and Howard Andrews would have made a significant difference to the side had they been available to pull on a green and white strip for the opening league game.

I'm also convinced that this

current squad could carry all before it in First Division.

Croatia will find Doveton a handful on Sunday, I'm sure.

Player-coach Ernie Merrick will be back from suspension and could tighten up the defence. It wouldn't surprise to see Merrick sweeping up behind Paul Corke with promising youngster Genzig Hulusi taking over at left back.

This game could provide the major upset of the round but I'll play it safe and go for a draw.

Green Gully Ajax's magnificent 14 straight winning streak was halted with its draw against Polonia but I don't hold much hope for Northcote at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

There's no doubt that Northcote will concentrate on keeping it tight at the back and it will be up to Ajax to break down the defensive discipline of Bertie Lutton, Norm Maitland and co.

Sunshine's topsy turvy season could end on a dramatic note if Frankston City gets a point from Saturday's Centenary Park clash with Polonia. That would leave Sunshine just two points clear of the second bottom club with a tough assignment on Sunday against Crocydon at Crocydon Park.

A win to Frankston would send a major scare through the Sunshine camp which may have to endure the same sort of nail-biting finish to the season as it did in 1980.

One point separates five clubs vying for the last two spots in the top four — Morwell Falcons, Juventus, Polonia, Hellas-Hakoah and George Cross — with Crocydon, fresh from its victory over second placed Croatia, ready to pounce, just two points behind this group.

The loser of Sunday's Middle Park clash between home side Hellas-Hakoah and visitor Falcons could drop out of the running.

Both clubs have spent most of the season in the top half of the table and, on paper at least, there doesn't seem to be much between them.

As is now customary, Falcons striking duo, Noel Mitten and Richie McClunie, probably will be man marked, with Kris Kalifatis sweeping.

Falcons are having a remarkable season, their first in this company.

About the same stage last year in First Division there was doubt about the Latrobe Valley club's ability to stave off relegation so its jump in just a year to the status of a credible State League Cup contender is outstanding.

Big McClunie will be keyed up for this game against his old club and I'll put my money on Falcons' attacking capability to carry the day.

George Cross must beat Ringwood Wilhelmina at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday to stay in the top four race while Juventus looks a touch too classy for Albion Rovers at Olympic Park No. 2, also on Sunday.

de Bruyckere, Dourios in angry clash

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Carroll, Stewart) HELLAS-HAKOAH 3 (Patsakos 2, Cummings penalty).

WILHELMINA: Barclay 5 — Pasman 6, Luyton 6, O'Riley 6, Verriars 6 — Gibson 7, Tront 7, Burton 7 — Hayland 6, Carroll 6, Stewart 6.

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Perree 7 — Wilson 7, Kallifidis 6, Hannah 6, Rooney 6 — Madden 6, Cummings 6, Owen 6 (Bozinovski 70th), Gray 6 — Patsakos 6, Ross 6.

Referee Evan Venios had to break up a scuffle involving Wilhelmina coach Mike de Bruyckere and Hellas-Hakoah team manager Peter Dourios in the second half.

The Hellas-Hakoah camp claims that Venios twice booked star Wilhelmina striker Joe Carroll. On the alleged second occasion the Hellas-Hakoah bench tried to draw Venios' attention to their claim. Apparently de Bruyckere and Dourios got involved in a heated dispute and punches were thrown.

The action on the park wasn't as enthralling even though there were five goals scored.

Wilhelmina went 1-0 down after just five minutes when Tom Patsakos hammered home a fierce 20 metres drive.

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Wade still the jinx

CROATIA 0 CROYDON 1
(Wade)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 6, Antolovic 6, Deankovic 6, Parton 7 — Faulkner 7, Adams 6, Blasby 6 — Left 6, Brogan 6, Murphy 6.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 — Brown 7, McComb 7, Dobson 8, Henson 7, Walker 7, McKee 7, Lyle 8, Rooney 7 — P. Loughane 7, L. Loughane 6.

Croatia committeemen must emerge when they hear the name "Paul Wade".

They wanted to buy the Croydon midfielder earlier this season but Wade stayed with the club he joined two years ago from Slavia.

Wade scored Croydon's goal earlier this season in its 1-1 home draw with Croatia and nabbed the winner at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The goal came in the 31st minute and it was a cracking 20 metre drive which sent the ball screaming into the top corner, giving Croatia keeper Peter Blasby no chance.

Croatia too often fell down on the edge of the Croydon area while Mick Rainey and Ian Loughane missed two good chances in the first half.

The win was vital to Croydon and keeps it in touch with the top four.

Creany out

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Coyle)
FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Buchanan 2)

ALBION: Lockart 7 — Cutler 7, Creany 6, S. McMillan 5, S. Munro 6, Nasbit 6 — A. McMillan 7, D'Sylva 6, Ferris 6 — Smart 7, Coyle 7, Lloyd 6.

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 7 — Pyle 7, Stewart 6, Drinoczky 7, Mitchell 6 — Buchanan 7, Cooke 6, Todd 7 — Campbell 6 (Goalby 5th), Wall 6, Sakutski 6.

Albion defender John Creany was taken to hospital with a suspected dislocated shoulder in the 31st minute and could be out of action for the rest of the season.

Lanky Frankston City stopper Paul Drinoczky made a spectacular goal line clearance in the dying minutes to protect two points which might just save the Baysiders from relegation.

Keiron Coyle put the Rovers in the lead within two minutes of the start with a cracking right foot drive from 18 metres.

A fluke goal from Billy Buchanan brought Frankston back on level terms in the 28th minute. Buchanan's miskicked shot sent the ball just inside the near post.

Young Andy Golby replaced Norrie Campbell in the 50th minute and almost scored with his first touch. Golby's shot was blocked by Danny Lockart. The ball rebounded back to Golby but Andy McMillan handled on the line and Fearn pointed to the spot. Buchanan made no mistake to give Frankston City a vital result in its battle to avoid the drop.

— PETER DESIRA

Drinoczky closer

Polonia sweeper Stefan Mila's lead in our Ametec Travel State League Player of the Year award was cut to six votes by Frankston stopper Paul Drinoczky, who was given three votes for his game against Albion Rovers on Saturday. Mila is on 30 votes.

Votes for last weekend's games:

Albion Rovers v Frankston City: Cutler (AR), Drinoczky (FC).

Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Hellas-Hakoah: Carroll (RW), Hannah (H-H).

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4:3 iffs Sandringham

Sandringham City jumped back into the race for promotion from Metro Division Four with a nail biting 4-3 win over fellow promotion candidate North Geelong on Saturday at Silfitts Reserve.

Former George Cross striker Brian Flaherty and ex-Hellas stalwart Steve Walker were the heroes of the victory against the Croatian sponsored club.

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METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

BOX HILL 5 (Priestley 4, Verechia), KEW CITY 0.

BOX HILL: Morgan 7, McLeod 7, Roodhouse 8, Lawler 8, Brownlie 7, Hughes 7, Ramos 6, Tolmie 7, Verechia 8, Patterson 8, Priestley 8.

KEW CITY: Lukac 8, Petrov 8, Stuart, Webb 5, Lyons 5, Hargreaves 6, (Goal) 6, McMillan 6, McCusker 7, Parsons 7, Williams 6, Macleod 6.

The Hillmen scored a map hand of goals at Wembley Park on Saturday against Kew to make promotion to the State League next year a certainty.

An invigorating first half hour saw the visitors come the closest to scoring when Lynn missed an open goal after a mix-up in the Box Hill defence.

But the final result was never in doubt once the Hillmen had opened their account. Patterson received a ball out of defence from Ramos, and galloped 50 metres down the left side, leaving Kew defenders in his wake. An inch perfect cross found Priestley 10 metres out, and the big striker lifted the ball home with clinical precision.

Ten minutes into the second half the Hillmen increased their lead when a quickly taken free kick by Ramos to Priestley, unmarked on the edge of the area, was converted by a blasting left foot drive which left Lukac helpless.

In the 70th minute another run down the left by Patterson gave Priestley the opportunity to complete his hat-trick by a neatly placed right foot shot into the far corner, and nine minutes later Priestley was again involved, turning beautifully past McCusker in the area, he cut the ball back to the far post where the Hillmen were queuing up to get in a shot, and it was Verechia who crashed home his 15th goal of the season.

Priestley was still not finished however, fastening onto yet another free kick from the left, and holding off the attentions of Parsons, he forced the ball past Lukac from an oblique angle to record his fourth goal of the game.

KNOX CITY 6 (Lesbire 3, House 2, Gerrish) SLAVIA 0

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METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

FAWKNER 8 (Anselma-3, Tuffield-2, B. Sabius-2, Schipano), MORELAND 1 (Downer)

FAWKNER: Terzini-8, Petrov-8, Gooney-8, Fattore-8, Schipano-8, Sabius-8, B. Sabius-8, Maniatis-8, Curcio-8, Anselma-8, Tuffield-8.

This was Fawkner's best performance since Cedo Girkovic took over early in the season.

We played fantastic and could have beaten anybody today," Girkovic said after the game.

The final score of 8-1 was no real indication how far "superior" Fawkner was. They should have had a dozen but for some good savers by the Moreland keeper and misses by Fawkner's forwards.

Fawkner slammed in five goals before Downer got Moreland's consolation goal just before half time.

After half time Fawkner kept up its standard to notch another three goals and completely demoralise Moreland.

Tuffield was outstanding, finishing with two goals as was Anselma who completed his hat-trick with the best goal of the game.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION FOUR

PASCOE VALE 3 (T. Centorino 3), BATMAN LAZIO 2 (Gugliandolo, Boganni)

PASCOE VALE: K. Aramowski-6, M. Strojowski-6, N. Lazarowski-6, Z. Ristovski-7, M. Ozanowski-6, M. Radjic-6, T. Apotowski-6, J. Tlouski-6, A. Centorino-3, F. Brogan-7, S. Bobojic-8.

KNOX: Kennedy, Murray, Schroeder, Dixon, Rodda, Wild, Thomson, D. Smith, Gerrish, Lesbirel, House.

SLAVIA: Hammond, Godoy, Anderson, Flores, Bazz, Rubio, Petras, Canelas, Bouzas, Quigley, Lavia, Kozlov, Kozlov, Knox: Lesbirel, House, Murray.

Knox was very unlucky not to score 12 with the forwards completely overrunning Slavia.

After 26 minutes Gerrish opened the scoring after a fine run by House. Another devastating run by House enabled Lesbirel to walk the ball in the 40th minute. It was House again in the 57th minute, heading home a perfect cross from Gerrish.

Slavia was resorting to some tough tackling to stop Knox and had several players booked. Then House intercepted a goalkick and laid on Lesbirel's second goal. Leiva of Slavia was sent off and Lesbirel completed his hat-trick after a cross from Wild. House completed the rout with a fine solo effort in the 88th minute.

DIVISION TWO

ARDEER 1 (Gamanski penalty) S.M. MORDIALLOC 1 (Paparasi)

ARDEER: Darch, Borcinski, Cernicki, Olivinski, Di Benedetto, Kuczyński, Wianiewski, Gamanski, J. Christodoulis, N. Christodoulis, Blizhaz, Adamciewicz, Jerski, Kodaga.

S.M. MORDIALLOC: Boland, Krawiec, Teakidis, Rao, Lacroga, Talsala, Delivieria, Krstic, Milopoulou, Stamboulidis, Paparas, Anastasiadis, Pappas, Delipoulou, N. Christodoulis.

BEST PLAYERS: Ardeer: Borcinski, Wianiewski, N. Christodoulis, S.M. Mordialloc: Rao, Talsala, Stamboulidis.

Ardeer began brightly, and almost scored when Cernicki crossed well to Niff Christodoulis, who beat keeper Boland with his shot which hit the upright in the 5th minute.

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This result puts Eltham in a precarious position and it can expect little joy from the visit to league leader Nunawading on Saturday.

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DIVISION FOUR

SANDRINGHAM 4 (Flaherty 2, Walker, Mackay) NORTH GEELONG 3

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Jones, Tomas Cup stars

JUNIOR CUP UNDER-11

FERNTREE GULLY A 2 (Aimer Mozina) HIGH POINT 0 Semi final at Green Gully Reserve.

FERNTREE GULLY: Chapman, Heinen, Andrew, Bakker, Jones, Field, Aimer, Fowler, Marjanovic, Tomble, HIGHPPOINT: Tomas, Krstovic, Radul, Sirc, D. Krstovic, Suta, Coric, Zevke, Devic, B. Zevke, Osk.

BEST: Ferntree Gully: Jones, Marjanovic, Field, Highpoint: Tomas, Suta, B. Zevke, Devic, B. Zevke, Osk.

This game was a credit to Victorian junior socce and both sides must be complimented for their effort and skill.

Ferntree Gully took the lead in the first half when an excellent interpassing movement down the left was capped off by Aimer from 10 metres out.

Highpoint was awarded a penalty in the 30th minute but keeper Chapman did well to save.

Then a marvellous three goals burst in 12 minutes by the home side sent North Geelong reeling. Jimmy Mackay started the rout when he chested down Walker's fine header and half volleyed it in.

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SELECTIONS

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Saturday: Frankston Plains v Fawkner (draw); KEW CITY v Albion City; Ball Park v DONCASTER ROVERS.

Sunday: MORELAND v Kew City; Slavia v BOX HILL; Kewer Austria v Albion Gate (draw); Richmond v WESTERN SUBURBS.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Heidelberg Rundera v BROADMEADOWS; Heidelberg Alexander v WERRIBEE; St Albans v Melbourne (draw); RINGWOOD UTD v Preston; Moreland v Werribee City v Dandenong City (draw); Footscray J v ARDEER; ST MELB MORDIALLOC v Springvale City.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: NTH DANDENONG v Carle; MORNINGTON v Kewborough; Brighton v PORT MELBOURNE; MURDOCH v Colong; NUNAWADING CITY v Eltham; Sunbury Utd v THURMASTON; Royal Richmond v PRAIRIAN.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: CAULFIELD v Eanderton Tristone; NTH GEELONG v Greenborough; ROSBURD v Moorabbin City; MORDIALLOC v Hawthorn; Rangers v Chelsea; FERNTREE GULLY v Moorabbin University; St. Gailgish v SANDRINGHAM.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Langwarrin v CLAYTON; Hovellburn v ROSANNA; LAKE UTD v East Brunswick; St Yara v CARLTON; Nunawading Utd v MELTOL; HAWTHORN v Ballarat; Shepparton City v KARRANGUL UTD.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: CENTRAL CITY v Moss Utd; BERWICK CITY v Kyeamba; Baramba v Melbourne City; MORDIALLOC v Clifton Hill; Altonabad Tasse v Yarraville (draw); CHANDRIDGE v Regent; West Melbourne v BULLEEN.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Hampton Wanderers v Utd of Melbourne (draw); WEST BRUNSWICK v Bursley; Albion Utd v 5th Dandenong (draw); DALLAS CITY v Cheltenham; CLASHINIA v Mitcham; BRUNSWICK CITY v Monnae Ponds; WEST GEE LONG v Moorabbin.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Nth Sunshine v HOLLAND PARK; Port Utd v Dingley (draw); AUST Utd v EAST CARLTON; MURDOCH Utd v 5th Melbourne; SEASIDE v Vermont; Moorabbin Rangers v PASCOE VALE; Baramba v 5th SPRINGVALE UTD.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Melbourne Utd v LYNDALE UTD; MACELOD UTD v Moss Utd; SALVON CITY v Latrobe Utd; ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Meadow Park; CHADSTONE v Poval (draw); PARKMORE v Balcleva; MACCAE HAKOAH v Sandstone.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: Canndale v MULGRAVE; EPPING THISTLE v West Utd; RAAP Melbourne v Ringwood; HELLAS-HAKOAH v WEST Utd; ALL RUNIT v St Benet; GEELONG Utd v Bester.

YOUTH LEAGUE

There are no South Eastern Division games this weekend.

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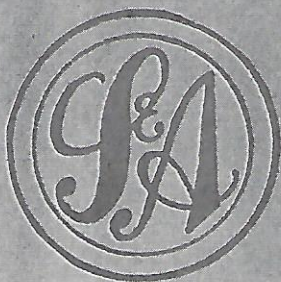
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